**All Aboard the Grace Train!**

October 29, 2023 – Acts 15:1-35 – Pastor Michael Foster

Notes on Acts 15:

Major Points:

* Stay on the Grace Train (continue in the grace of God)
* Do not make it more difficult than God does for others to ride the Grace Train
* Be willing to restrict your freedom for the sake of others on the Grace Train

For Further Action/Reflection:

Read Rom 4:4-8, Gal 3:1-6, Eph 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, 3:3-8,

Read “What is Grace” – [www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/what-grace](http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/what-grace)

Read “What can we learn from the Jerusalem Council?” – <https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/columns/ad-fontes/what-can-we-learn-from-the-jerusalem-council/>

Read “The Glory of Grace” by Spurgeon – [www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-glory-of-grace/#flipbook/](http://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-glory-of-grace/#flipbook/)

Read about the conversion of Luther – [www.christianstudylibrary.org/article/just-shall-live-faith-conversion-martin-luther](http://www.christianstudylibrary.org/article/just-shall-live-faith-conversion-martin-luther)

A good video for kids on Luther and the Reformation – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcpoRT4WZSs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcpoRT4WZSs)

Listen to “Until Grace” – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-2XDTARfEY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-2XDTARfEY)

Listen to “Grace has Called my Name” - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sstBXLuCZSQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sstBXLuCZSQ)

Group Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?

2. How would you define or describe the grace of God? What Scriptures come to mind when you think of God’s grace to us in Christ?

3. Read Titus 3:3-8. What do you learn of God’s grace in this passage? How is this passage similar to Ephesians 2:1-10?

4. Read Galatians 1:6-9. What is Paul’s concern for the churches of Galatia?

5. In what ways do people seek to add works to the gospel of grace today?

6. We looked at some common objections to God’s grace. Which of these objections have you heard or felt before? Why do you think we have such a hard time with the idea of grace?

7. Read Titus 2:11-14, which describes how God’s grace trains us to live holy lives. How has this worked in your life?

8. Do you ever feel like you’re “not doing good enough for God”? What does God’s grace say about that?

9. In what ways are you tempted to place non-biblical requirements or expectations on others about the way they are following Jesus? What is the danger in this?

10. What are some practical ways we can not only understand the concept of “grace” theologically but also grow as more gracious people who accept and encourage others?